

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

- 5 1. A golf game apparatus comprising: a planar playing surface having a width and a length defining an extent thereof; the playing surface providing markings including a target area located near one end of the playing surface and a plurality of golf ball placements located at plural positions distanced from the target area; the golf ball placements grouped into putting areas of the playing surface, wherein each one of the putting areas extends across the full width of the playing surface and is contiguous with each next adjacent one of the putting areas in a succession of the putting areas proceeding away the target area to an other end of the playing surface in a stepwise order of positional difficulty of putting a golf ball from the golf ball placements within each of the putting areas to a rebounding surface positioned above the playing surface in the target area.
- 10 2. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the rebound surface is a post mounted to the playing surface by a means for attachment.
3. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the rebound surface is resilient.
4. The apparatus of claim 3 wherein the resilient surface is stretched across an open recess.
5. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein each of the putting areas provides nine of the golf ball placements and in at least one of the putting areas, the nine golf ball placements are randomly spaced.
- 20 6. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the markings include at least one of a water hazard area and a sand trap hazard area.
7. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the markings include a fairway area and a rough area.
8. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein at least one of the putting areas is approximately 2 feet in length and of a width equal to the playing surface.
- 25 9. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the playing surface forms one side of a flexible material.

10. The apparatus of claim 9 further comprising at least one bump positioned under the playing surface for forming the playing surface into a non-planar surface.
11. A golf game method comprising the steps of: providing a planar playing surface having a width and a length defining an extent thereof; placing markings on the playing surface including a target area located near one end of the playing surface and a plurality of golf ball placements located at plural positions distanced from the target area; grouping the golf ball placements into putting areas of the playing surface, wherein each one of the putting areas extends across the full width of the playing surface and is contiguous with each next adjacent one of the putting areas in a succession of the putting areas proceeding away the target area to an other end of the playing surface in a stepwise order of positional difficulty of putting a golf ball from the golf ball placements within each of the putting areas to the target area; putting golf balls from the golf ball placements to the target area and scoring the game in accordance with the final resting position of each golf ball in accordance with score markings in the target area.
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12. The method of claim 11 further comprising the step of providing a resilient surface in the target area.
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13. The method of claim 11 further comprising the step of stretching the resilient surface across an open recess.
14. The method of claim 11 further comprising the step of randomly positioning the golf ball placements within at least one of the putting areas.
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15. The method of claim 11 further comprising the step of penalizing a score when a associated golf ball terminates in at least one of a water hazard area, a sand trap hazard area and a rough area.
16. The method of claim 11 further comprising the step of placing at least one bump under the playing surface thereby forming the playing surface into a non-planar surface.
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